

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 6-11 are cancelled. Claims 12-14 and 16-20 are amended. Claims 21 and 22 are added. Claims 12-14 and 16-22 are pending.

Rejection under 35 USC 103

Over JP 8-80691 in view of Murray

Claims 6-11 stand rejected as unpatentable over JP 8-80691 in view of Murray, US 2,213,920, September 3, 1940. This rejection is traversed but is obviated by cancellation of these claims. New claim 21 patentably distinguishes the combined disclosures of these references by reciting “a plurality of removable scent elements, wherein the scent elements are each encased in a plastic wrapper which can be removed by a user to release a scent which corresponds to an artwork image”. New claim 22 patentably distinguishes the combined references by reciting “at least one scent element, and further comprising at least one container of a fragrant oil attached to the calendar to permit replenishment of the at least one scent element.”

Pertaining to new claim 21, the Japanese patent does not disclose or suggest a removable scent element sealed encased in a plastic wrapper, nor does Murray. These items cannot by their silence be suggestive of the claimed invention. The claimed invention provides simplified construction over the Japanese disclosure. Further, because ink compatibility with the scent is not an issue in the invention, the invention permits the use of a greater number of scents. In the invention, the scent elements could be separately impregnated batch-wise, and then assembled into a calendar, or added to an already compiled calendar, a low-tech solution as compared to the Japanese patent, that provides better flexibility in selecting scents and in assembling the calendar.

The invention also permits, at the end of the month, eliminating the scent from the calendar corresponding to the prior months image, while leaving the prior month's date-bearing portion of the calendar intact, by simply removing and discarding the spent scent element. In the Japanese

calendar, past months would have to be removed in order to eliminate the scent from them. The invention thus provides the utility of retaining the presence of the past months on wall calendar while providing fresh scent unmixed with prior month's scents. Further, the user can remove the scent element earlier than the end of the month if they do not care for it.

Pertaining to new claim 22, the combined references are not suggestive of providing a container of a fragrant oil attached to the calendar to permit replenishment of a scent element carried by the calendar.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Indication of allowable subject matter

Claims 12-14 and 16-20 were previously allowed. Independent claims 12 and 16 have been broadened by deleting limitations which are not viewed as helpful in distinguishing the the cited art. Most of these limitations have been added back into their dependent claims. Favorable consideration is requested.

Conclusion


In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection and early notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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